

## AUTO SLAYS CHILD BOUND FOR SCHOOL

Christian Schernau Sees Funeral Pass and Then Meets Death.

## CAR DRIVEN AS JITNEY

Jake Falkovitch Says Machine Was Not Exceeding Limit of Law.

An automobile killed a 7-year-old boy bound for school, after a funeral had passed him at the corner of Seventh and Fortieth streets, at 9 o'clock this morning. The victim is Edward Schernau, who lived at Bethany home.

The wheels of the car dragged him to the south curb of Seventh street. The machine, which was operating as a jitney bus between Rock Island and Moline, was driven by Jake Falkovitch and is owned by Mose Zuckerman of Rock Island. Three passengers in the car disappeared after the accident happened.

The Schernau boy was still living when he was picked up from the home on the south side of the avenue and taken into Anderson Bros. store, 4011 Seventh avenue. Dr. Charles F. Freytag passed in his machine shortly after the accident and was called to attend the boy. The ambulance arrived later and he had been taken to St. Anthony's hospital.

It was a race for death, as no sooner had the child been placed in the ambulance than it was noted that he was dying. Just as he was being placed in a bed at the hospital he expired. The right side of his chest was crushed, the body having been caught between the wheel and hood of the machine. Internal hemorrhages caused his death, in the opinion of Dr. Freytag.

## Awaits Funeral to Pass.

The Schernau boy left Bethany home at 8:30 o'clock for Longfellow school, corner Forty-second street and Seventh avenue. When he reached Fortieth street on Seventh avenue a funeral was passing and he waited at the corner. He was on the north side of the avenue on the east side of the street. When the funeral had passed he started across the street.

Falkovitch was driving the automobile east on Seventh avenue. He saw the boy, he says, and tried to avoid hitting him by turning his car to the south. One wheel caught the lad and pinned him between the wheel and the hood, dragging him with the car over the curb on the south side of the street.

Falkovitch stopped his car. The passengers got out and by the time police had arrived disappeared. James Blythe was an eye-witness to the accident. He did not see the car, but whether or not the car was speeding, Ed Slavin, owner of the Blackhawk Taxicab company of Davenport, was also a witness of the mishap. He told police the boy walked into the path of the car. He made no statement concerning the speed of the machine.

The driver, Falkovitch, insisted to police that he was not exceeding the speed limit. He said his car was not proceeding at a rate of speed higher than 10 miles an hour. He said he saw the boy and made an effort to avoid hitting him.

## Authorities Differ.

Authorities on the other hand said they believe that Falkovitch was driving the car in excess of the limit provided by law, which is 10 miles an hour. They argued that if the machine was traveling no faster than 10 miles Falkovitch would have had complete control of the machine, could have stopped the car before striking the lad, or could have turned the machine far enough south to avoid hitting the boy. They argue, further, that the machine could have been stopped before it had climbed over the curb if the speed at which it had been operating was 10 miles or under.

## Father Lives Here.

The matron at Bethany home stated today that the records there showed that the father, Christian Schernau, Sr., lived at Seventeenth street and Ninth avenue, Rock Island. Two brothers also survive. Mr. Schernau is employed at Rock Island arsenal. The Schernau boy had lived at the Bethany home several years. His mother is dead. The remains were removed to Dixon & Moeller's undertaking parlors. Coroner R. C. Meyer was notified of the tragedy and the inquest probably will be conducted late this afternoon.

Falkovitch is being held by police pending the verdict of the coroner's jury.

## \$500 DAMAGES ARE ALLOWED MRS. EHLE

The jury in the case of Mrs. Myrtle Ehle against the city of Rock Island, returned a verdict at 2:45 in circuit court this afternoon finding the issues for the plaintiff and assessing her damages at \$500. She sued for \$10,000. The action was based on an accident which occurred when Mrs. Ehle's automobile ran into a boulder on Thirty-eighth street between Seventh and Ninth avenues. Andrew Olson and J. M. Johnston represented Mrs. Ehle and J. K. Scott appeared for the city.

The rest of the defendants recently indicted were arraigned this afternoon. They were furnished with copies of their indictments and a list of the witnesses and jurors. George Pinnon, charged with murder, has retained H. M. McCaskrin to defend him.

## NEW METHODIST SUPERINTENDENT AND TWO PASTORS SENT TO ROCK ISLAND CHURCHES



Rev. D. S. Andrewartha, Pastor Spencer Memorial Church.



Dr. Samuel Van Pelt, Pastor First Church.

Rev. John T. Jones of Monmouth, who succeeds Rev. R. B. Williams, D. D., as superintendent of the Rock Island district of the Methodist church, was born at Clermont, a suburb of Indianapolis, Ind. He spent his boyhood days on the farm. He was educated in the Shortridge high school, Indianapolis, and DePaul university, Greenfield, Ind. For a number of years he was a member of the Indiana annual conference and served as pastor of Blackford street church in Indianapolis, for five years. In 1908 he was appointed by Bishop Moore to the pastorate of the First Methodist Episcopal church, Honolulu, Hawaii, where he remained for two years, building a fine new church at a cost of \$43,000. In 1910 he was transferred to the Central Illinois conference and stationed at Normal. Here he remained five years, raised more than fifteen thousand dollars for benevolences, rebuilt the church at a cost of \$18,000, and received into the church more than five hundred people. One year ago he was appointed pastor of the First church, Monmouth, and carried to conference one of the best reports that the church ever had made. During the year he received into the church 123 persons, giving the church a net gain of 111; and raised \$3,133 for benevolences. He will move to Rock Island next week and will immediately enter upon his work with a fixed determination to carry out the forward movement program as adopted by the conference at Peoria. He will spend next Sunday at Kewanee in the place of the newly appointed pastor, Rev. O. P. Graves, whose mother is at the point of death. Sunday, Oct. 8, Mr. Jones will dedicate the new church at Shale City.

## THIEF SMILES AS HE GOES TO PEN

Ed Van Hamene, Who Stole \$187.50 Worth of Brass in Silvers Yards, Laughs When Sentenced.

## OTHER PRISONERS ARRAIGNED

Juan Fernandez, Charged With Assault With Intent to Commit Murder, Pleads Not Guilty.

Ed Van Hamene, aged 23, charged with burglary and larceny, pleaded guilty in circuit court yesterday afternoon and was given an indeterminate sentence in the state penitentiary by Judge F. D. Ramsay. The prisoner refused to take the situation seriously and continually smiled while the court passed sentence.

The defendant was charged with breaking into freight cars in the Silvers yards, Aug. 18, last, and stealing \$487.50 worth of brass, part of which was found buried in a farm near the yards.

## Arraign Prisoners.

Albert Keene, charged with burglary, pleaded not guilty and stated that H. M. McCaskrin was his counsel. Edward Whalen, charged with robbery, entered a like plea. James Poulas, assault with intent to commit murder, could not understand the English language and the court entered a plea of not guilty.

Juan Fernandez, assault with intent to commit murder, also needed an interpreter, and the court entered a not guilty plea. August Horstman, rape, entered a plea of not guilty and said he had retained the firm of Metz & Sinnett to defend him.

This morning two more defendants were brought into court and released on bonds. Rudolph Ebeling, rape, furnished security in the sum of \$1,500, and Joseph Downey obtained his liberty by giving bail in the sum of \$2,000. Downey pleaded not guilty. The former is represented by E. L. Eagle and the latter by Axel Kohler.

## COUNTY CLUB FOR WILSON ENDORSED

Voters Are Manifesting Much Interest in Plans for Strong Organization to Boost Candidate.

## MASS MEETING FRIDAY NIGHT

Gathering to Be Held at Rock Island House to Launch Movement in President's Behalf.

So strong a sentiment has developed in this section in favor of the candidacy of Woodrow Wilson for president that indications are that there will be a large membership secured for the Rock Island County Wilson club, which is to be formed at a mass meeting of voters at the Rock Island house Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

In 1912 there was formed in this county a Wilson club which did such effective work that it was thought advisable to organize this year another club along similar lines. It is proposed to have every township in the county represented in the organization and to get to the voters in a plain and practical manner, information concerning the Wilson administration and the very pertinent reasons why the retention of Mr. Wilson in the president's chair is not only desirable but imperative at this present time of crises.

## To Be Live Wire.

It is expected that the Wilson club will be a live wire. Interesting meetings are to be held during the campaign and every effort will be made to make its influence felt in the battle for votes which will be waged this fall.

Members of the county central committee will meet next Friday evening. All committeemen, as well as all others who are interested, have a cordial and personal invitation to attend.

## MOTHER AND SON BANQUET IS HELD

Nearly 300 Attend Second Annual Affair Last Night at the Rock Island Y. M. C. A. Building.

## FINE PROGRAM IS RENDERED

Mrs. Mary E. Hunton of Moline Gives Main Talk of the Evening—Boys Present Exhibition in Pool.

The mother and son banquet at the Rock Island Y. M. C. A. last evening was the largest gathering of its kind ever held in this community. It was also the largest banquet held at the local association. It was a great success in every respect and all who attended enjoyed themselves immensely. Nearly 300 mothers and sons sat down to the generous supper served by members of the board of directors and members of the boys' work committee. The program for the evening started when E. B. McKown, chairman of the boys' work committee, introduced George Adams as toastmaster. Mr. Adams proved himself a witty talker and introduced the speakers in a very able manner.

Dr. Samuel Van Pelt, who comes to Rock Island as pastor of the first Methodist church, succeeding Dr. O. T. Dwinell, is considered one of the strongest men in the Illinois conference and a worker prominent in all of the church enterprises. He was for a time president of the Onarga seminary, a school for girls, and has filled pastorates at Galesburg, Monmouth and other important churches in the conference and for six years was superintendent of the Galesburg district.

Rev. D. S. Andrewartha, pastor-elect of Spencer Memorial Methodist church, this city, is one of the younger men of the Methodist conference. He was 19 years ago pastor of the Second Methodist church in Moline and since that time has filled other charges throughout the district, coming to Rock Island from Cambridge.

## City Briefs

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Tea supper to be given by the Ladies' Aid society of the Central Presbyterian church, Sept. 28. Served from 5:30 to 8 o'clock at the church. Come and see what you get for 7, 17c or 27c. Good supper for 27c.

A meeting of the Woman's Missionary society of Central Presbyterian church will be held Friday afternoon in the home of Mrs. J. K. Dickson, 1508 Eighth avenue.

## FUNERAL IS EXCUSE FOR SPEEDING AUTO

"He was going 41 miles an hour on Seventh avenue," said Motorcycle Officer Ballard.

"I was taking flowers to the Riverside cemetery in Moline from Davenport. I had to get to the burying grounds ten minutes before the funeral cortege. I got stalled on the bridge and was late. That was the reason I went fast," C. D. Ebert of Davenport said.

## COMMISSION AWARDS CONTRACT FOR PUMP

The municipal commission today accepted the American pump at \$2,430, the bid of the Electric Machinery & Construction company. The device to be installed at the mouth of the sewer at the foot of Fifth avenue, will be placed 15 weeks hence, being the earliest delivery promised.

Action on granting the lease of Island City park was deferred until Friday. Jack Roche and W. E. Flanagan each have bids for rental of the grounds.

fits to be derived from being a member. He proved himself a real orator. The main talk of the evening was given by Mrs. Mary E. Hunton of Moline and she kept the audience interested throughout her talk. She reminded both mother and son that they owed each other much and that only through a real spirit of comradeship could they be of the best help to each other. She warned the boys that they were an advertisement for the home and to remember that when they were on the street and other places. The boys were told that unless she confided in her boy and taught him the important things he should know, could she expect him to grow into the man she would want him to be. The toastmaster also called on I. J. Green, president of the local association; L. H. Martin, general secretary, and D. B. Bergquist, boys' work director, for short remarks. The mothers were urged to regard themselves as members of the boys' club department and to help in every way to make it as efficient as possible.

## Give Exhibition in Pool.

After the program a number of the boys, under the direction of Mr. Clevett, gave a swimming exhibition in the big pool. The mothers were shown how the boys enjoy the "swimming hole" even during the winter. After the exhibition the mothers were shown through the boys' club rooms, shown the wireless in operation by one of the members and also the well equipped kodak room where the fellows are taught how to develop their own pictures.

The boys' department is planning on a large number of stunts this winter, to which the mothers will be invited, and all were urged to attend. Those in charge of the banquet feel that mothers of the city now know more of the real purpose of the work of the association for the boys of the city, also that the banquet was decidedly worth while.

## PERSONAL POINTS

D. W. Matthews, formerly of Milan, now of DeSoto, Kan., arrived yesterday morning for a week's visit in Rock Island and Moline.

Mr. and Mrs. Justus Bruck of Ottawa, Ill., are visiting their daughter, Mrs. L. L. Harris, 823 1/2 Twentieth street.

A daughter was born last evening to Mr. and Mrs. John Fee, 2810 Fifth and a-half avenue.

Albert Reich of St. Louis has returned home after a visit with his aunt, Mrs. E. Gosch, 1207 Second street.

## Obituary

Funeral of Mrs. Louis H. Thiele. The funeral of Mrs. Louis H. Thiele was held at 9 o'clock this morning at Sacred Heart Catholic church. Father C. P. O'Neill was in charge of the services. Burial was in Oakdale cemetery, Davenport.

## LICENSED TO WED

Camel Schelstraete ..... Rock Island  
Mrs. Louise De Greve ..... Rock Island  
Fred L. Moran ..... Moline  
Miss Elizabeth M. Coemakers, Moline  
Hugh E. McDonald ..... Rock Island  
Miss Willie Mae Wall ..... Rock Island  
Charles N. Biebinger ..... Moline  
Miss Pearl L. Kimball ..... Moline  
Arthur Wilcox ..... Buffalo, Ia.  
Miss Laura Kullenberger ..... Moline  
Miss Mabel L. Sundblad ..... Moline  
Miss Charles C. Murray ..... Cedar Rapids  
Miss Jessie M. Lowe ..... Cedar Rapids

## MAN ARRESTED FOR DRIVING IN CROWD

Charles J. Stelt of Davenport was fined \$10 today in police court for driving his automobile into a crowd of passengers boarding a street car on second avenue yesterday. Traffic officer Fitzsimmons made the arrest.

William Farmer was arrested at Twenty-third street and Third avenue by Traffic Officer Krueger, stationed at the Twenty-fourth street viaduct, for speeding in an automobile. He was fined \$5.

Belle Carson was arrested by Patrolman Kinsley in the loop last night for causing a disturbance. It appears some men talked to her and she cursed and yelled loudly in reply. She paid \$10.

J. E. Lynch of Preemption was held yesterday to a preliminary hearing tomorrow on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. He is accused of having passed worthless checks on four saloon owners here.

## HUNDRED STUDENTS BACK TO SEMINARY

This morning witnessed the return to their school duties of nearly a hundred students in the theological department of Augustana, and from the present indications it seems more than likely that the present year will be a record-breaker in the attendance at this department as well as in the other branches of the college. The formal opening of the fall term of the seminary will take place this evening at 7:30 in the Lutheran church of Moline. J. G. Dahlberg will deliver the address of the evening.

The return of the seminarians is, as usual, the biggest event in the institution. The theological students compose one-fifth of the total number of students enrolled and play a very important part in the life of the college. It is expected this year that their number will swell the enrollment to 500.

## HEADACHE POWDERS NEARLY KILL GIRL

An overdose of headache powders nearly caused the death of Miss Edna Nagel, 17-year-old daughter of Henry Nagel, who resides on the Locust street road, near Davenport. Miss Nagel, who is employed by the Halligan Candy company, complained of a severe headache this morning. She was given some powders by a girl friend, but they did not seem to help her. At 10 o'clock she started home but collapsed when she reached the corner of Fifth and Warren streets. She was carried into a drug store and later removed to Mercy hospital. After physicians had worked over her for nearly two hours it was announced that she would recover.

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## BOARD SPLITS ON GIVING CONTRACT

Mayor McConchie Favors Awarding Moline Company Job, But City Engineer Is Opposed.

## JUHL WILL HAVE FINAL VOICE

Because of Absence of Commissioner, The Vote on Forty-second Street Project Could Not Be Broken.

Split in vote held up the letting of a paving contract when the municipal board of local improvements opened bids today for the improvement of Forty-second street between Railroad and Seventh avenues.

The Moline Concrete Construction company is the only concern which made a proposal. Practically in every similar case in the past where there was only one bidder he has been given the contract, but today City Engineer Wallace Treichler voted against awarding the job to the Moline firm. Mayor McConchie, the only other member of the board present at the meeting, voted in favor of awarding the contract. As Commissioner Juhl is out of the city the tie vote will not be broken until he returns. What action he probably will take none of the officials would venture to predict today.

Mr. Treichler's opposition to awarding the contract to the Moline firm, he said, is the result of variance in prices between those offered on the Forty-second street job and on another project recently installed by the company. Mr. Treichler said on the Forty-second street project the figure offered is \$2.02 per square yard for brick paving, while on a recent improvement the company made an offer as low as \$1.95.

The McCarthy Improvement company, only bidder for the work of paving Twenty-fourth street from Thirteenth to Seventeenth avenues with asphalt, was awarded the contract. The price is \$1.99 for asphalt, 65 cents for concrete curb and gutter and 35 cents per cubic yard for excavating.

## Two Bids Are Close.

W. H. Bedell and P. F. Trenkenschuh have closed bids for installation of water mains in the Case Homestead addition, Eighteenth to Twentieth streets, and Twelfth to Thirteenth streets. Bedell is lowest by \$4.50 and received the contract. His bid is \$1,550. Trenkenschuh's proposal is \$1,554.50.

## COL. BURR TO PRESENT GOLF CLUB TROPHIES

Winners of trophies in the recent golf tournament at the Rock Island Arsenal golf course, will be awarded cups and prizes Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the golf club house. Colonel G. W. Burr will make the presentations, the formalities to be followed by the serving of refreshments and a social hour.

## SERVICES TO OPEN COAL VALLEY CHURCH

During the summer just passed there has been in course of construction at Coal Valley an edifice for use of Trinity Lutheran congregation. Rev. Frederick B. Mayer, pastor. The structure is now completed and services of dedication will be held next Sunday. At 11 o'clock Sunday morning G. Taube, the contractor in charge of the church erection, will deliver the key of the church to the pastor who will open the edifice. Rev. Ph. Wilhelm, pastor of Immanuel's Lutheran church, Rock Island, will preach the German dedicatory sermon. At 2:30 o'clock Professor Wessel of Springfield and at 7:30 Rev. J. Schnack of Hampton will preach sermons in the English language. Special musical selections will be rendered by the Lutheran Glee club. At 12:30 o'clock the Lutheran Ladies' society will serve a hot dinner to all out of town guests. As neighboring Lutheran congregations have been invited to attend the services, a large number of people from near by cities is expected.

The church is a substantial frame structure, 28 by 40, built in Gothic style with a seating capacity of 120. The basement of the church will not be used for the present but can easily be completed and will be used as club rooms of the church.

Rev. Mr. Mennicke of Rock Island, for many years pastor of Immanuel's church, founded the Coal Valley Lutheran mission in the early sixties. The congregation has been supplied by the ministers of the church till two years ago when the congregation was organized and with Sherrard Lutheran church constitutes one parish. Rev. F. Schultz was called to take charge.

and in 1915 was succeeded by the present pastor, Rev. Mr. Mayer. Up to the present time the congregation did not have its own house of worship, using the Presbyterian church as a place of meeting. At present the congregation numbers close to 60 communicant members, has over 30 children enrolled in the Sunday school and it has also organized a parochial school which it attended by 23 scholars.

## MEMBERS DAVENPORT SHRINE AT OUTING

In spite of the threatening weather, 1,000 Shriners gathered at Schuetzen park at an early hour this afternoon to enjoy the annual outing of Kaaba temple of Davenport. Members were present from the tricolles, Clinton, Muscatine, Burlington, Fort Madison, Ottumwa, West Liberty, Wilton and other Iowa cities in the district. At noon today an old fashioned barbecue dinner, consisting of roast beef, lamb, fresh ham, corn on the cob, watermelon, clams and other dishes were served. This afternoon there was a baseball game, races and band concert. Tonight there will be motion pictures and vaudeville entertainment at the pavilion. This is the first year the barbecue feature was attempted in connection with the outing and it proved a big success.

## RIFLE TEAM READY FOR ANNUAL SHOOT

Captain Ben Benson today selected the members of the rifle team to represent Company A. I. N. G., of Rock Island at the annual shoot of the Sixth regiment, which takes place Sunday at Camp Palmer at Sterling. Lieutenant John C. Freilburg will act as captain of the team. Other members are Lieutenant W. W. Scott, Sergeant E. Vroman, Corporal Wherle Jones, Corporal Harry Siegrist, Musician Floyd Ikerd and Private John Earnst. Freilburg, Vroman and Jones are the only members of the 1915 team. It is expected that the Geneseo team will carry off honors again this year. Captain Benson has also received notification that members of the company will receive pay for drilling under the national defense act. The pay ranges in amounts from \$500 for the captain to \$45 for second class privates for the year. The members must make part in 24 drills before they receive pay. There are 48 regular drill nights in a year.

## BETHANY TAG DAY IS SATURDAY OCT. 7

Tag day for the benefit of Bethany home will be held Saturday, Oct. 7. Instead of Saturday, Sept. 30, as announced last week. There has arisen some misunderstanding about the time of the annual sale of tags and a confusion of dates, but Saturday, Oct. 7, is the time agreed upon. Mrs. J. W. Crandall, who has served as chairman of the committee in charge for several years past, will act in the same capacity again this year, and is busily engaged in procuring workers to go on the streets on that day to offer for sale tags, the proceeds from which will go towards the support of Bethany home, one of the really worthy charities of the city.

## Public Notice.

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(Signed) WILLIAM BRANDT.  
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